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1. From 10 to 18 March 1953, the eastern section of the former concentration camp in Sachsenhausen near Oranienburg was occupied by about 1,000 KVPs. Most of the troops who were engaged in establishing their quarters, wore blue uniforms and some drab uniforms with red-bordered black and pink epaulets. On 18 March, units up to about 100 soldiers engaged in entrenching work in the training area north of the camp. Other groups conducted firing with carbines with live ammunition, while a T-34/85 tank practiced driving.¹ 25X1

2. The about 50 trucks which were unloaded at the Oranienburg railroad station on 10 March and some of which carried billeting equipment. The trucks and 10 to 15 sedans were later seen on a parking lot north of entrance II of the former concentration camp. On 11 March, sedans moved out through that gate. Sedan moved out through the same gate on 16 March.¹ 25X1

3. From 10 to 19 March, the former concentration camp in Sachsenhausen near Oranienburg was occupied by an estimated 2,000 KVPs. Small units whose personnel mostly wore red-bordered black epaulets arrived at the post during the period of observation. A convoy of about 40 trucks of the Horch Diesel type with trailers occupied by KVPs arrived in Oranienburg from the direction of Bernauer Chaussee on 11 March. The column included jeep, trucks, and sedans.¹ 25X1

4. From 16 to 24 March, section 3 of the former concentration camp in Sachsenhausen near Oranienburg quartered KVP units totalling about 2,000 men. Units included: 1 infantry regiment, 1 tank battalion, 1 signal communication battalion, 1 rocket launcher battalion, 1 artillery battalion, 1 engineer company and 2 companies whose personnel wore green service color. Each company had an average 100 men. considerably more units would arrive in April and May 1953. 25X1

5. On the afternoon of 20 March 1953, 20 T-34/85 tanks, 20 field guns of about 75-mm and 18 rocket launchers moved into the installation from Schuetzenstrasse. Some of these heavy weapons were again seen in some of the sheds of the installation on 22 March.²

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6. The unit quartered in Oranienburg castle engaged in field training and drill with mortars during the time of observation. Units totaling about 900 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets marched into the castle on 18 March, presumably returning from a practice march with full pack.³

1. Comment. The occupation of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp is known from previous reports. Most of the troops came from Grossenhain. vehicle was observed it departed in Grossenhain. The troops left Grossenhain on 3 or 4 April and arrived in Oranienburg on 11 April, which indicates that some of the units transferred by road, using the motor vehicles available in shuttle traffic.

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2. Comment. The strength estimate of about 2,000 men is believed correct, as it corresponds with the KVPD in Grossenhain which moved to the Sachsenhausen concentration camp. The information on the organization of units there cannot be commented on. It cannot be said where the rocket launcher battalion came from. It can be assumed, however, that a mechanized unit exists in the Sachsenhausen concentration camp and that this unit already has the strength of a mechanized regiment which could be brought up to a mechanized division.

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3. Comment. These units probably belongs to the AAA officer school which numbers about 1,200 troops and which is quartered in Oranienburg Castle.

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